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The Northeast awoke today to a thick blanket of snow thanks to yesterday's powerful bomb cyclone. Now comes the hard part — digging out and coping with a weekend of relentlessly freezing temperatures. 3-4

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This weekend, the Golden Globes will air, kicking off awards season. The infamously boozy broadcast will look at the best films and television series of 2017, and we're predicting who will walk away with the gaudy, not remotely cute trophy. Turn to page 9, where we consider the best of the best: from "Call Me By Your Name" to "Big Little Lies." Read on for more or visit **metro.us.**

DOW JONES TOPS 25,000 ON STRONG GROWTH

1 The Dow Jones Industrial Average broke the 25,000 level for the first time on Thursday, and other major indexes scaled new highs after strong U.S. private jobs data added to upbeat sentiment following indications of robust growth globally. The 30-member blue-chip index crossed five 1,000-point marks in 2017, driven partly by President Donald Trump's pro-growth agenda and solid corporate earnings. The momentum carried into 2018, with the benchmark S&P index closing above 2,700 for the first time on Wednesday and the Nasdaq settling above 7,000 a day earlier. World stocks also hit records, driven by strong manufacturing and services sector data in major economies. U.S. private employers stepped up hiring in December and planned layoffs by American-based companies fell sharply, pointing to sustained labor market strength.

WARREN BUFFETT SHOWS OPTIMISM ABOUT FUTURE

2 Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor renowned for his preternatural optimism for America and its citizens' well-being, on Thursday encouraged those worried about the economic prospects for themselves and their children to shed their fears. In an essay for the Jan. 15 issue of Time magazine, the chairman of the insurance and investment company Berkshire Hathaway Inc. tried to allay concerns that innovation and improved productivity might cost jobs and disrupt lives. Saying the U.S. "game of economic miracles" was in its "early innings," Buffett, 87, downplayed polls suggesting broad pessimism for the futures of American children, saying rapid economic growth would not be necessary for people to thrive.

WINTER STORM BRINGS SNOW AND HEAVY WINDS

3 A city worker uses a snow blower to clear sidewalks as snow falls from a massive winter storm Thursday in Boston. Schools and businesses throughout the Boston area were closed as the city expected over 1 foot of snow and blizzard-like conditions throughout the day.

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TESLA MODEL 3 DELAY RAISES CASHFLOW RISKS

4 Tesla Inc. shares recouped some of their losses on Thursday after falling as much as 3.6 percent, a day after it pushed back a production target for its much-anticipated Model 3 sedan yet again. Analysts stayed upbeat, saying the electric car maker had finally set an achievable target for their mass-market sedan that is priced at $35,000. The delay, however, is likely to impact Tesla's cashflow, a big challenge for many quarters now. Tesla said on Wednesday it would likely build about 2,500 Model 3s per week by the end of the first quarter, half the number it had earlier promised. The company now expects to reach its goal of 5,000 vehicles per week by the end of the second quarter. Tesla, headed by Elon Musk, has been struggling to overcome production bottlenecks and reported its biggest-ever quarterly loss in the July-September quarter.

SUICIDE BOMBER HITS AFGHAN CAPITAL KABUL

5 A suicide bomber in the Afghan capital caused dozens of casualties Thursday after blowing himself up close to a group of security personnel who were carrying out an operation against illegal drugs and alcohol dealing, officials said. Wahid Majroh, a spokesman for the ministry of public health, said 11 dead and 25 wounded had been brought to city hospitals after the blast in an area of the city not far from the U.S. Embassy and other foreign missions. As security forces arrived, a Reuters reporter saw four police vehicles carrying dead or wounded security personnel from the scene. A security official at the scene confirmed the explosion had been caused by a suicide attack and Kabul police spokesman Basir Mujahid said at least five police had been killed.

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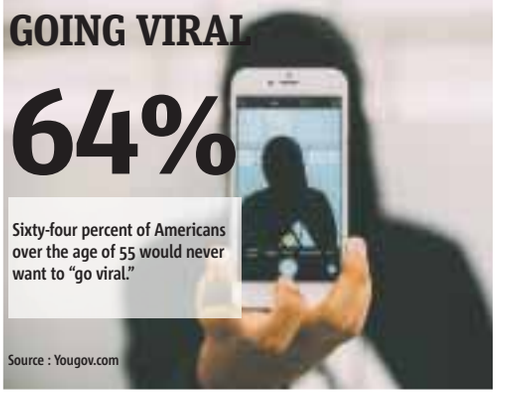

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Sixty-four percent of Americans over the age of 55 would never want to "go viral."

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Powerful blizzard slams the Northeast, snarling commutes

The snowstorm brought a break in extremely cold weather that has gripped much of the region since Christmas.

High winds and heavy snow barreled into the U.S. Northeast on Thursday, shutting schools and government offices, leaving tens of thousands without power and snarling travel as New York's JFK Airport halted flights due to whiteout conditions.

Thousands of flights were canceled, snow plows and salt trucks were omnipresent on roads and highways, and commuters who braved the storm to head in to their jobs hoped they would be able to make it home safely as the storm intensified later in the day.

Blizzard warnings were in place along the coast from North Carolina to Maine, with the National Weather Service forecasting winds as high as 70 mph that may bring down tree limbs and knock out power.

More than a foot of snow was forecast for Boston and coastal areas in northern New England.

The storm is the product of a rapid plunge in barometric pressure that some weather forecasters are referring to as bombogenesis or a "bomb cyclone," which brings fast, heavy snowfall and high winds.

The wintry weather has been blamed for at least 13 deaths over the past few days, including three fatalities in North Carolina traffic accidents and three in Texas due to cold.

More than 3,300 U.S. airline flights were canceled ahead of the storm's arrival in the Northeast on Thursday. At New York's three major airports and Boston's Logan International, as many as three out of four flights were called off, according to tracking service FlightAware.com.

New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport temporarily halted all flights due to whiteout conditions, it said on its Twitter feed.

Passenger train operator Amtrak was running reduced service in the Northeast, while mass-transit systems in major metropolitan areas, including New York and Boston, remained open.

"I have a big meeting today, so I had to go in. If I didn't, I probably would have stayed home," Ann Gillard, 24, said as she waited for a subway in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to take her into the downtown Boston office where she works as a consultant.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority invested extensively in equipment to remove snow and keep tracks from freezing after extensive disruptions during the winter of 2015, when Boston got about 9 feet of snow. But Gillard said her commute typically goes "not that well" in inclement weather.

"My plan is to leave at 4, right after my meeting, and, hopefully, it will be OK," she said, adding that her backup plan was to "walk home, probably. It's not that cold, it'll just be snow."

In the Southeast, historic cities saw their heaviest snowfall in nearly 30 years on Wednesday, according to AccuWeather.com senior meteorologist Alan Reppert. Charleston, South Carolina, received 5.3 inches of accumulation, within an inch of its record, while Tallahassee, Florida saw its first measurable snow since 1989.

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Snow plows and salt trucks were omnipresent on roads and highways on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

70 MPH

The NWS forcasted winds as high as 70mph along the coast.

Gov. Cuomo and de Blasio declare emergencies amid snowstorm

"Stay inside if you can. Don't be on the roads. That's for your own safety and allows sanitation workers to do their work," the mayor said.

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As the New York City metro region — and much of the East Coast — was being battered by the season's first major snowstorm, Gov. Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency for the downstate region south of Westchester, which includes the city, as well as Long Island.

"This means that unless it is essential for you to be out on the roads and moving around today, you should not be," Cuomo said at a news conference in the city Thursday morning. "If there is something you have to do today and you have no viable alternative, then you should know you are putting yourself in a situation of risk — and other people in a situation of risk."

Cuomo declared the state of emergency due to the "bomb cyclone," a mix of snow, sleet and hurricane-like winds.

"This is not a normal snowstorm — that changes the situation dramatically. We can handle snow. It's snow plus the wind which is going to cause the trouble today," the governor added. "The storm is tracking heavier toward the east, so New York City, Nassau, Suffolk heaviest on the current track of the storm."

Winds between 25 and 35 mph were expected, along with gusts of up 60 mph, which "[compound] the problem," Cuomo said. "It's almost impossible to clear the roads because as soon as you clear, the wind literally just brings the snow back across the road."

Cuomo headed to Long Island later Thursday, one of the most vulnerable areas of the region. He also said he expected the evening rush hour to be "more problematic" than the morning commute, which saw several delays on subways, buses and rail service.

"We have done everything that we can do in terms of preparing for the storm," he said. "This is not our first rodeo — the storms have been getting worse, and extreme weather is a reality."

The LIRR had scattered delays during the morning rush hour, and patrol trains were deployed to clear tracks and heat switches. MTA Chairman Joseph Lhota said that downed trees caused a few stations to be bypassed by Metro-North trains.

Motorists expected reduced speeds on area bridges and tunnels, and truck restrictions were in place as well.

In a later news conference, Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city was working closely with the state and the MTA on all actions due to the storm, and the mayor declared a winter weather emergency across the five boroughs, which enabled the city to do "what we have to do to ensure public safety."

That meant that if your car was blocking plowing operations, it would be towed.

"We will not be polite about that, we have to keep things moving," he said. "What's quite clear is that this is a serious, serious storm. Everyone should take this one very seriously and take precautions."

Though the snow was forecasted to taper off by midafternoon, "we expect a tough evening commute," de Blasio said. "At this moment, we expect schools to be open Friday.

Amid the season's first major snowstorm, Gov. Andrew Cuomo declared a state of emergency for the downstate area south of Westchester as well as Long Island. GETTY IMAGES

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The Metropolitan Museum of Art has changed its pay-what-you-wish ticket policy — but only for some visitors.

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REGULAR STUDENT ADMISSION WILL APPLY TO STUDENTS OUTSIDE OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY AND CONNECTICUT.

New York City's most popular museum, The Met, will change its pay-what-you-wish admission policy for some visitors.

Beginning March 1, visitors from outside New York state will have to pay the full $25 price to get into any of the three Metropolitan Museum of Art locations. That includes its main Museum Mile building, the modern-art-focused Met Breuer and the medieval Met Cloisters in Washington Heights.

New York residents can still pay what they wish, as the museum is located on state-owned land. Admission for children under age 12 remains free.

One bit of good news: That full-price ticket will be good for three days to allow visitors to see all three of the Met museums. The ticket will also continue to include all special exhibitions.

There are some exceptions for students and teachers. If you're enrolled in a school in New York, New Jersey or Connecticut, you can still pay what you wish (or, probably more accurately, what you can). The regular student admission of $12 will apply to everyone else.

Teachers coming to the Met for curriculum-planning purposes will still be able to get a complimentary ticket.

The policy change ends the Met's run as the last major museum in the world with a purely pay-as-you-wish admission policy.

"The world has changed dramatically in the almost 50 years since our admissions policy was last reviewed, and the way we budget and plan for the future needs to change as well," the Met said in a statement. "What is clear is that our current pay-as-you-wish policy is no longer sufficient to meet the museum's daily operational demands."

The pay-what-you-wish policy has been in place since 1970, but the number of visitors paying the full suggested admission has fallen 73 percent since 2004, according to the museum.

The Met estimates 31 percent of its annual 7 million visitors will be affected.

The change comes after years of the Met struggling with funding. According to a February 2017 story in The New York Times, that put its budget deficit at near $40 million.

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The Met, in a statement.

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Trump administration moves to end Obama-era marijuana enforcement policy

The move raises questions about how the new approach will affect the burgeoning weed industry in places like California and Colorado.

The U.S. Justice Department on Thursday rescinded an Obama administration policy that had eased enforcement of federal marijuana laws in states that have legalized the drug, instead giving federal prosecutors wide latitude on pursuing criminal charges.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, known as a strong opponent of legalizing marijuana, overturned the policy but stopped short of directly encouraging U.S. prosecutors to bring marijuana cases.

His action drew immediate condemnation from marijuana-legalization advocates and lawmakers in both parties, who said it trampled on the rights of voters in states where the drug is now legal and created uncertainty about how strictly federal drug laws will be enforced.

The policy put in place under Democratic former President Barack Obama, outlined by then-Deputy Attorney General James Cole, recognized marijuana as a "dangerous drug," but said the Justice Department expected states and localities that authorized various uses of the drug to effectively regulate and police it.

"The Cole memo, as interpreted, created a safe harbor for the marijuana industry to operate in these states, and I think there is a belief that that is inconsistent with what the federal law says," said a Justice Department official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity.

The Justice Department has indicated it will enforce anti-marijuana laws. GETTY IMAGES

"Marijuana is still against federal law," the official added.

Under the new policy, outlined in a one-page memo by Sessions, federal prosecutors around the country will have discretion to enforce the federal ban on marijuana in their own districts.

The change under Republican President Donald Trump's administration comes just days after California formally launched the world's largest regulated commercial market for recreational marijuana.

There has been a surge in legalization of marijuana in U.S. states in recent years. Besides California, other states that permit the regulated sale of marijuana for recreational use include Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Nevada. Massachusetts and Maine are on track to follow suit later this year.

Among companies that have invested in the industry, Scotts Miracle-Gro, a gardening product manufacturer, has spent hundreds of millions of dollars to acquire companies that sell soil, lighting, fertilizer and other products to marijuana growers. Shares in the company dropped 3.8 percent to $104.54 after the news of the policy shift, before paring losses later in the morning. Several Canadian marijuana-related stocks also fell sharply.

The policy being reversed had sought to provide more clarity on how prosecutors would enforce federal laws that ban marijuana in states that have legalized it for medicinal or recreational use.

Sessions has made no secret about his disdain for marijuana. He has said the drug is harmful and should not be legalized, and has also called it a gateway drug for opioid addicts.

"Jeff Sessions is acting on his warped desire to return America to the failed beliefs of the 'Just Say No' and Reefer Madness eras," said Erik Altieri, the executive director of the pro-marijuana group NORML. "This action flies in the face of sensible public policy and broad public opinion." REUTERS

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Trump administration rule would let more Americans skirt Obamacare guidelines

President Trump's latest move has worried Obamacare proponents. GETTY IMAGES

The move could destabilize several states' individual insurance markets.

The Trump administration on Thursday proposed a rule to allow Americans who are self-employed or work for small businesses to buy health insurance that does not comply with all Obamacare requirements in an effort to unwind the 2010 healthcare law.

The rule, put forward by the Department of Labor, would allow individuals and small businesses to form an association based on geography or industry and purchase health insurance that would be exempt from some rules of the Affordable Care Act.

The rule also allows sole proprietors to join such associations. Currently, sole proprietors can purchase individual insurance through the Obamacare individual market, created under former Democratic President Barack Obama's healthcare law.

The rule must go through a comment period but is likely to gain approval, helping to enact an executive order Republican President Donald Trump signed in October.

Under Obamacare, all health insurance plans must cover a set of 10 essential health benefits, such as maternity and newborn care, addiction and mental health treatment and prescription drugs. The proposed rule would allow small business associations to purchase health plans that do not necessarily cover all of these benefits, which proponents say would help lower premiums.

The rule does not allow Small Business Health Plans to charge those with pre-existing conditions more or exclude employees because of their health.

Proponents of Obamacare say the rule would undermine the individual insurance market created under the law by allowing young and healthy people to purchase cheaper insurance, leaving the sickest and most expensive patients in the Obamacare markets, driving up costs. Hospitals, insurers and medical groups criticized the rule in December and said it would make health insurance unaffordable for people with pre-existing conditions.

The rule could destabilize several states' individual insurance markets because healthier people could access cheaper insurance, said Evercore ISI analyst Michael Newshel, adding that it is still unclear whether significant numbers of people will opt for the slimmer plans.

Republicans, who have unified control of government, have repeatedly failed to repeal and replace Obamacare, a top 2016 presidential campaign promise of Trump. Instead, the administration has sought to dismantle the law through administrative rules and executive orders.

Republicans dealt their biggest blow to the healthcare program in their tax overhaul, which Trump signed into law last month. The law in 2019 repeals the individual mandate, the requirement that most Americans purchase health insurance or else pay a fine. Health policy experts say the mandate helps ensure a viable market.

Several business groups, including the National Restaurant Association and the National Retail Federation, on Thursday praised the proposed rule, saying it would enable millions of people to obtain more affordable health insurance.

But Democrats and medical-advocacy groups blasted the rule, saying it put affordable health insurance further out of reach for many Americans, including those with pre-existing conditions.

"The Trump administration has declared open season for fraudsters selling junk insurance while those with pre-existing conditions will find healthcare further and further out of reach," Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden said. REUTERS

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Who will win big at the Golden Globes?

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"Big Little Lies" is nominated in several categories — and it'll likely take home more than one win. HILARY BRONWYN GAYLE/HBO

Look for "Big Little Lies" and "The Handmaid's Tale" to crush it.

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Sure, 2017 brought us awful things; like, too many awful things to count; but it also brought us exciting television that examined toxic patriarchal structures ("The Handmaid's Tale"), the bonds of female friendship ("Big Little Lies") and, um, a "Will & Grace" revival.

Here are our predictions on who should win this weekend — and who will probably take home the gold instead.

Best Television Series — Drama
Who should win:
"The Handmaid's Tale"
"The Handmaid's Tale" made an unforgettable impression on critics and viewers alike, and offered impressive performances from Elisabeth Moss, Alexis Bledel and more.
Who will win:
"The Handmaid's Tale"
Of all the series nominated, "Handmaid's Tale" was the most buzzed about. And is, by far, the most deserving.

Best Television Series — Comedy
Who should win:
"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel"
Because who doesn't love a feel-good series with beautiful costumes about an unlikely housewife turned comedian in the 1950s?
Who will win:
"Will & Grace"
Because after a turbulent year, turning to a revival of a well loved show — with its well loved foursome well in tact — is a no-brainer.

Best Television Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television
Who should win:
"Big Little Lies"
Not only was "Big Little Lies" a brilliant showing — but it was a brilliant showcase for its actors, too.
Who will win:
"Big Little Lies"
Surprising, unforgettable, well written and well acted, "Lies" deserves all the accolades.

Best Performance by an Actor in a Television Series — Drama
Who should win:
Sterling K. Brown, "This is Us"
"This Is Us" is the most delicious of comfort foods for its loyal audience. And Sterling K. Brown shines, as always.
Who wlll win:
Freddie HIghmore, "The Good Doctor"
People really love this show for reasons that are not immediately clear to this writer. A win for Highmore is likely.

Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series — Drama
Who should win:
Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale"
"Mad Men" proved that Elisabeth Moss is a talent to watch. "Handmaid's Tale" underlined that point.
Who will win:
Elisabeth Moss, "The Handmaid's Tale"
Seriously: Her performance as Offred is poignant, emotional and gripping. Give the lady a prize!

Best Performance by an Actress in a Limited Series or Motion Picture Made for Television
Who should win:
Nicole Kidman, "Big Little Lies"
Kidman's performance as Celeste was unforgettable — one of her best in a long time.
Who will win:
Nicole Kidman, "Big Little Lies"
In this climate — where abusers are being named and the abused are reclaiming their voices, Kidman's nuanced portrayal is critical. And she'll be recognized for her work, no doubt.

Read the rest of our predictions at **metro.us/entertainment**

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Get Out is a masterwork of the horror genre. UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"Three Billboards" will probably win it all, but it shouldn't.

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Superhero movies may still glut theaters, but 2017 was the year of queer stories and the female gaze. Here's who we loved, and who will probably win, out of the 2018 Golden Globes nominees:

Best Motion Picture, Drama
We loved: "Call Me By Your Name" — The year's most enchanting love story, gay or otherwise.
Will win: "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" — From Frances McDormand's wrenching performance as a mother out for justice to addressing the national anger over how crimes against women are treated, this movie deserves its win.

Best Actress, Drama
We loved: Sally Hawkins — She tapped that coveted monster butt in "The Shape of Water," and we were all here for it.
Will win: Frances McDormand — Not at all bitter about this. She dug deep for "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" and will carry it all the way to the top of the awars heap.

Best Actor, Drama
We loved: Timothée Chalamet — The young xxx actor gave what was easily the year's most soulful performance in a love story to remember in "Call Me By Your Name."
Will win: Daniel Day-Lewis — The Hollywood Foreign Press won't let him retire from acting without a proper goodbye for "Phantom Thread."

Best Picture, Musical or Comedy
We loved: "Get Out" — Absolutely nothing better came out in cinemas in 2017 than this horror-thriller about life as a black man in America.
Will win: "Lady Bird "— Coming-of-age stories don't come better than this.

Best Actress, Musical or Comedy
We loved: Helen Mirren — We loved seeing a less-severe side of her as a Southern-accented snowbird from life in "The Leisure Seeker."
Will win: Margot Robbie — Her portrayal of figure skating's favorite bad girl in "I, Tonya" woke everyone up to this crazy-talented actress.

Best Actor, Musical or Comedy
We loved: Ansel Elgort — As the vulnerable hero of Edgar Wright's heist movie "Baby Driver," Elgort stole more than just money (aaaaw).
Will win: Daniel Kaluuya — Is it recursive to call Kaluuya's performance in "Get Out" hypnotic? He was!

Best Animated Film
We loved: "Coco" — Pixar's feel-good movie about a Mexican boy who longs to play music hit all the right notes.
Will win: "The Breadwinner" — This glimpse into the life of an Afghan girl in Kabul provided vital cultural insight into a country we're used to only seeing in headlines.

Best Foreign Language Film
We loved: "A Fantastic Woman" — Daniela Vega shines in a spectacular movie about the struggles of a transgender singer.
Will win: "First They Killed My Father" — Angelina Jolie's drama about a young girl living under the Khmer Rouge should get its due.

Best Supporting Actress
We loved: Mary J. Blige — The real star of "Mudbound."
Will win: Hong Chau — In the midst of the mediocre "Downsizing," Hollywood found a star.

Best Supporting Actor
We loved: Willem Dafoe — The excruciatingly beautiful "Florida Project" showed his kinder, gentler side.
Will win: Sam Rockwell — As the crooked cop of "Three Billboards," he held his own against the tour de force of Frances MacDonald.

The series, streaming on Netflix starting today, is equal parts dark and delightful. ALL PHOTOS NETFLIX

'The End of the F***ing World' is f***king brilliant

Why the dark comedy about angsty young adulthood (with a twist!) is a must-see.

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"The End of the F***ing World" — coming to Netflix today — is really, really so much fun to watch. Based on the award-winning graphic novel of the same name, the series pairs outcasts James (Alex Lawther) — a self-professed budding psychopath — and Alyssa (a delightful Jessica Barden) — foul-mouthed, rebellious and bored — for your standard coming-of-age road trip that is anything but.

Together they escape their boring everyday lives and seemingly uninterested parents, in search of that intangible, always-out-of-reach feeling of belonging. And they find it in each other, eventually. But they find a lot more than that too.

"The End" covers somewhat familiar territory — angsty young adulthood with a twist, casual criminal activity — but in a way that is equally delightful and dark: It's the "Misfits" school of young adults behaving badly to a killer soundtrack. As the series progresses, James and Alyssa seem no less on edge, in that way that teenagers and young adults so often are. But their rebellious antics are slowly given context — and their overwhelming feelings of crippling angst (so much flipping angst!) and oh-my-God-what-are-we-doing? start to make more sense.

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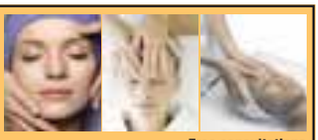
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Kristaps Porzingis running out of gas

Knicks star is feeling the burden of carrying his team this season.

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Fatigue is starting to set in for Knicks star Kristaps Porzingis, who might need a few nights off to recharge his batteries. GETTY IMAGES

New York Knicks star big man Kristaps Porzingis looks as though he's starting to feel the wear and tear of carrying the franchise.

After the Knicks' 121-103 loss to the Washington Wizards on Wednesday night, Porzingis told Marc Berman of the New York Post that he's starting to feel fatigued.

"I'm tired; I'm tired; I'm so tired right now," Porzingis said. "I have one day to rest my legs and get back and play better and have more energy and try to bring the team's energy up. We're in a tough stretch. The mental part doesn't help at all. When it's mentally tough, you don't have it in you."

It's concerning for the Knicks and their fans to hear Porzingis talking like that considering the 22-year-old has played just 32 games so far this season.

Averaging 32.3 minutes per game, his time on the court isn't anything he hasn't seen at the NBA level before. In his second year last season, he averaged 32.8 minutes per night.

That being said, Porzingis is the marquee man in New York after the departure of Carmelo Anthony. He's attempting five more shots per game this year compared to last and his usage percentage is at a career-high 32.7-percent. Last season, his usage mark was more than eight percent less, meaning Porzingis is seeing a lot more of the ball and the action.

His numbers as of late are suggesting he's feeling the effects of that fatigue. He's scored 18 or fewer points in three of his last four games as the Knicks are trudging through their worst stretch of the season with six losses in their last seven outings. Porzingis has shot just 38.8-percent from the floor during that span.

The Latvian is still the Knicks' most valuable player and will likely be an All-Star this season as he's averaged 23.8 points, 6.7 rebounds and 2.2 blocks per game. But he knows he needs some help if he wants the Knicks to stay in playoff contention.

That help, at least on the offensive end, comes in the form of Tim Hardaway Jr., who has been out with a stress injury to his left leg for the last 17 games. He is second on the team with 17.8 points per game and is expected to return within the next week or so.

"Obviously having Tim out doesn't make it easier," Porzingis said. "Hopefully Tim will be back with us soon and take some of that pressure off me and the other guys."

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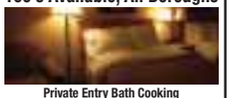
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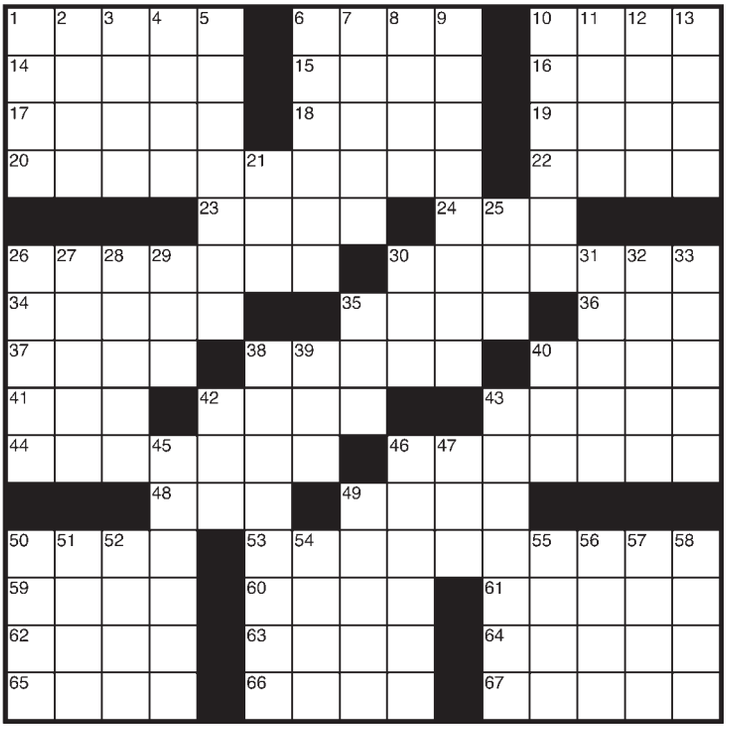

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Aries A social or professional opportunity will be tempting. Consider the logistics of what's being offered and think about any consequences that might prevail.

Taurus Visit friends or relatives. Taking short trips or engaging in conversations with those who can provide you with a family or community history will be enlightening.

Gemini Emotional disillusionment could send you in the wrong direction. Don't make assumptions. Put your imagination to better use and create something tangible.

Cancer You'll instinctively know the best way to get what you want. Take action and physically get involved in helping further a cause you believe in.

Leo Anger is a waste of time, and productivity is your best alternative. Success should be your aim, and using your strengths to reach your goal your strategy.

Virgo Sign up and take part in an event or activity that will get you out of the house and making new acquaintances. Having fun will give you a new lease on life.

Libra Partnerships should be your focus. Talk over any changes you would like to see happen and offer incentives that will help you get others on board with your way of thinking.

Scorpio You'll have plenty of good ideas when it comes to your work and ways to get ahead. Those who feel your attention should be elsewhere will not share your enthusiasm.

Sagittarius You'll be easily misled by a good talker or someone who doesn't have all the facts. Ask questions and gather information before you engage in a joint venture.

Capricorn Home improvements should be planned carefully. Boost the comfort and convenience of your everyday life and lower your overhead to ease financial stress.

Aquarius Work in unison with others to make your community a better place. Offering help and suggestions will lead to a position of leadership among your peers.

Pisces Share your thoughts and stand behind your actions. Much can be accomplished if you are prepared to follow through with promises you make. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

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